

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 21-22 and 32-33 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-10, 21-22 and 32-33 are subject to restriction and an election requirement.

Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required a restriction of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. 372 from the following groups:

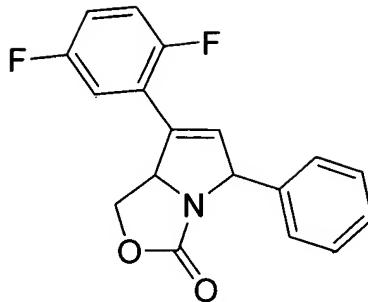
- I. Claims 1-7 (all in part) drawn to 2,7a-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c][1,3]oxazol-3-ones, and a pharmaceutical composition comprised thereof... (wherein X=-CH₂-; Y=-O-; Z=-C(O)-).
- II. Claims 1-7 (all in part) drawn to 1,2,5,7a-tetrahydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-c][1,3]imidazol-3-ones ... (wherein X=-CH₂-; Y=-NH-; Z=-C(O)-).
- III. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 (all in part) drawn to 1,2,6,8a-tetrahydro-pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3(4H)-ones ... (wherein X=-CH₂-; Y=-NH-C(O)-; Z=-CH₂-).
- IV. Claims 1-5 and 7 (all in part), drawn to other types of heterocyclic compounds...
- V. Claims 8-10, 21, 22, 32 and 33 drawn to methods wherein the compounds as set forth in Group I, II, III or IV are administered...

The Examiner suggests that the claims of Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept, and would present a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required.

Applicants respectfully elect Group I for examination.

Election

Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species with a corresponding chemical structure for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect, as a species, compound 1-9, which can be found on page 70 of the specification:



Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-7 are readable on the elected species.

If a telephonic communication with the Applicants' representative will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone the representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this response to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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